



Your Next Steps to Applying for Financial Aid

- Look for free money first.
 - * Apply for scholarships first. Check out the Bucks website at www.bucks.edu/scholarships to see if you qualify for any of our scholarships. Check with your employers, your parents' employers or community organizations. Search the free scholarship web sites listed on the Financial Aid homepage bucks.edu/admissions/aid/faq/#scholarships
- Apply for financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov. This application must be completed every academic year. The summer application is a separate application and is available on the web once the summer course brochure becomes available.
- Be sure to complete the State Grant Application materials. Set-up account access on the PHEAA website at www.pheaa.org
- Know your deadlines and adhere to them.
- If you wish to apply for a loan (money which must be paid back to the lender), you need to complete these additional steps:
 - * Step # 1 - Complete a Master Promissory Note (loan application)
 - * Step # 2 - Complete entrance counseling session (Both available on www.studentloans.gov)
 - * Step # 3 - Complete a Student Loan Request Form available on line at: bucks.edu/admissions/aid/forms

All three steps are required to receive a loan. Borrow only what you need to attend school. All students must complete a FAFSA application to receive a loan. The summer sessions have a separate loan application that must be completed if you are interested in a loan for summer courses.
- Read and abide by the Financial Aid Academic Progress Policy and know your responsibilities to be sure you are eligible to receive aid. Please note, all student enrollment is counted in the Financial Aid Academic Progress Policy.
- Students can view their status on WebAdvisor by clicking on Financial Aid to see if they have been awarded or on Communications if any information is still needed and/or missing from their files.
- If selected for Verification, please submit all requested documents in the required timeframe.
- If you have any questions our contact information is:
- Phone # 215-968-8200, email at finaid@bucks.edu, fax 215-504-8522 or stop in to visit us at the Links Pavilion (lower level).



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Financial Aid

Must apply for financial aid using the FAFSA-Free Application for Federal Student Aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Loan applications and scholarship information are available at www.bucks.edu/admissions/aid/

Only need to apply once/academic year, but you must re-file every year. Summer is a separate application, available on line.

Need to include your income information on the form as well as your parents' income if you are a dependent. If you are married, include your spouse's income information in addition to your own.

Everyone receives a response whether you are eligible or ineligible. Typically, we will let you know via regular mail.

You should apply early to determine your eligibility and to ensure that you will receive your aid on time.

Jobs are available for students who are eligible for financial aid. Even if you are not eligible, you may be able to apply for other limited jobs at the college.

On campus and off campus positions are available. You may view the current listings for the Federal Work Study Program as well as other employment opportunities at www.bucks.edu/jobs.

Benefits include work experience, monetary compensation, and the chance to explore your field of study.

Start building your resume now!

You must remember that Federal student aid, consisting of grants, loans, and work study opportunities, is meant to help you pay for college and related educational expenses not everyday living expenses.

Only if you maintain satisfactory academic progress, will you continue to receive financial aid. Please review these policies on line at <http://www.bucks.edu/admissions/aid/eligibility/>

Understand that we are here for you! If you have questions, you can contact us by email at: finaid@bucks.edu , call us at 215 968 8200, fax us at 215-504-8522, or stop by the Office, located in the Links Pavilion.

Good luck and enjoy the semester!